

## **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee**

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 26th July, 2010.

**Present:** Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Bill Noble.

**Officers:** Brian Buckley, Sue Daniels, Tara Connor(DNS), Graham Birtle, Kirsty Wannop(LDS).

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Michael Smith.

### **RTS 28/10      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **RTS 29/10      Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2010 and 24th May 2010.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2010 and 24th May 2010 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

### **RTS 30/10      Minutes of the meetings held on 21st June 2010 and 5th July 2010.**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 21st June 2010 and 5th July 2010.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meetings held on 21st June 2010 and 5th July 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

### **RTS 31/10      EIT Review of Events, Arts, and Tourism**

The Committee was presented with the baseline information in respect of Events.

Head of Performance and Business Services provided and explained the information for the review. Particular emphasis was given to:-

- The events team structure and operation.
- Although not a statutory service the low cost or free entertainment programme offers residents and families an affordable way to enjoy a variety of events in a local setting. Holding events such as the fireworks and SIRF also promotes Stockton regionally and nationally contributing to local economy.
- The Independent Safety Advisory Group (ISAG) which continued to insure overall event safety through consultation and joint working between the Council and it's partners. Members asked if it could be considered to include Member input into the ISAG meetings.

It was suggested that a specific viewpoint survey be undertaken regarding the EIT review and suggested questions to ask would be brought to the Committee's attention.

The Committee questioned whether SBC could charge for some events, it was

explained that this could cost more money because of extra workers, tickets, fencing and crowd control, but could be explored.

CONCLUDED that

1. Officers bring specific questions for a viewpoint survey back to the Committee.

2. It be explored whether SBC could charge for some events.

3.the information be noted.

**RTS  
32/10**      **Review of Winter Maintenance Service**

Consideration was given to a report which detailed the decisions made at the Committee's last meeting with regard to the review of winter maintenance. Members discussed the recommendation that would go forward to Cabinet and made slight amendments to recommendation 2 and 3 so they read as follows:-

- That increased annual expenditure of approximately £22,000 be approved to fill salt bins twice weekly based on the number of salt bins as determined by the vigorous application of the current assessment criteria to ensure the correct level of salt bin provision in the borough. Also that officers evaluate putting extra salt bins in areas and filling them with sharp sand.

- That requests for additional salt bins be accepted and determined using the current assessment criteria and supplied only if the criteria is met.

CONCLUDED that

1. the amendments detailed above be made.

2. the report be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.